

WAR WORKS CHANGES ON PARIS; MANY FAMILIAR FACES MISSING

One's Favorite Waiter Leaves, and So Do Others; Not All Are Soldiers; One Suspects that "Hermann," For Instance, Met Fate of the Spy; How an Illegitimate Son of Noted Sire Lived and Goes to War.

PARIS, France, Sept. 11.—These are days when an old Parisian is ever missing a well known face. His waiter at his favorite little restaurant is gone. Another has taken his place, who explains that he is not mobilized till the eighth day, so he is at once named "Victor," the second, after his predecessor, and starts to learn his customers' little ways.

Hardly has he learned that it is possible (for a foreigner) to eat cheese and salad at the same time when he too disappears, and "Victor the third" succeeds him. French life, after 48 years of age have all gone. The rare exceptions, who have been excused from military service for medical reasons, are ashamed of their continued presence and hasten to explain that they have been sent in their names to be employed somewhere, in some corner where my heart, which is weak (or whatever the cause of their failure to serve may have been), will not be an obstacle.

No reference is made to that political pull of which they once boasted as having relieved them of service.

The War of the Spy.
But others have disappeared whose absence is not due to mobilization; some of them, it is of no French subjects I speak, disappeared even before the mobilization order was issued. Strange stories are whispered about them, too extravagant about them, too true. This I am told that my friend Hermann was a spy and has taken a little journey to the most remote of the Viceroy's forts, from which he has never returned. It seems incredible. Hermann—that was not his name, which, however, was equally German—was a fat, good natured Jew, always cheerful and always with money in his pocket. The latter characteristic marked him out from the conferees who worked in the central postoffice, which remains open day and night. A small room there is placed at the disposal of newspaper men and is frequented by the third or fourth assistant correspondent of various Italian, German, Austrian and other papers and representatives of small French provincial papers who seem to live by giving each other news items like the happy islanders who live by taking in each other's washing.

"Hermann's" Mysterious Code.
In this community Hermann stood out at the best dressed, sleekest, most prosperous member, who never had to borrow five francs. Till tomorrow to pay a telegram on telephone call I did not expect. His ostensible occupation was reporting racing news for a Berlin paper. It always was a mystery to many why a Berlin paper should need all the starters, with owners' and jockeys' names, all the tips of all the Paris papers every evening, as well as the complete results of every race. But this is what he sent, and he did not mind what it cost to send it.

If the telephone line was interrupted he paid urgent rates by telegraph. He always paid urgent rates to have preference on the telephone. He used to explain that all Berlin bet on the French races through the pari mutuel, as either there was no betting allowed in Berlin or no pari mutuel or no confidence in bookmakers, or something, but many acquaintances often won-

NEWS WRITERS ARE SET FREE

Guards Were Doubled After Americans Gave Word of Honor Not to Escape.

Rotterdam, Holland, Sept. 11.—The American correspondents who accompanied the German army for nearly two weeks across Belgium and into France, found themselves safe on Dutch soil today, after being held prisoners by the Germans for four days under unusual circumstances. The Associated Press correspondent reached Rotterdam late Wednesday night.

For the past week the newspapermen had been under surveillance at Aix La Chapelle, whether they had been brought on a train with prisoners from Beaumont, Belgium.

The party included Roger Lewis, the Associated Press; Irvin S. Cobb, the Saturday Evening Post; and the Philadelphia Public Ledger; James O'Donnell, Bennett and John T. McEntee, the Chicago Tribune; and Harry Hanson, the Chicago Daily News.

With them on the trip to Aix La Chapelle were three other correspondents, Maurice Germain, a Belgian correspondent; Lawrence Stein Stevens, an American artist, formerly of Detroit; and Victoria Heinebeard, king Albert's special photographer.

The party of five Americans left Brussels on August 23 with special military passes and were the only correspondents who were successful in following the German army.

Arrested at Beaumont.
The party succeeded in sneaking through the army, sometime in sight of the fighting, until Beaumont was reached. Here the Germans had established temporary headquarters. At Beaumont the correspondents were held up by commander Mitterdorfer, whose suspicions against all newspapermen had been aroused by a party of three correspondents picked up the previous day who represented themselves as Americans, although two of them were Belgians. The trio were taken to a Beaumont jail. The party included Germain, Stevens and Heinebeard, and the negative chauffeur was arrested for photographing and traveling in an automobile which unlawfully carried a Red Cross flag.

Soldier Handed After March.
The American party was allowed to spend the night on the stone floor of a Belgian school house, which had been converted into barracks for the German troops. The correspondents were courteously treated by the soldiers, who after the day's 24 mile march, sang, danced and otherwise entertained them royally until midnight. The next day the Americans were kept in the waiting square in the center of a group which included prince August Wilhelm, the third son of the emperor, and other high military authorities.

Sentenced to Be Shot.
After being repeatedly told they were not prisoners but correspondents, they were locked up with the other three correspondents arrested the day before. Stevens had already been sentenced to be shot at an English spy.

The jail was filthy and one side was stacked with tons of German high explosives—a rather uncomfortable situation, in view of the fact that the prisoners were constantly lighting cigarettes under cover of their straw bedding.

Removed to Cafe.
After a short incarceration, the Americans, through the kindness of a German lieutenant, were removed to a small cafe adjoining the prison, to which later they were followed by the other three suspects who were the cause of their detention.

Not Prisoners, But—
For two nights they slept on the floor under a heavy guard and still they were told that they were not prisoners, but warned that they would be shot if they moved one step out of the house. After they had given their word of honor that they would not attempt to escape, their guard was doubled. No food was supplied the prisoners, their only sustenance being a bottle of wine.

During their imprisonment the Americans received an alarming visit from an intoxicated German officer, who called them English spies and insisted on giving convincing demonstrations of the sharpness of his sword when he heard English spoken. Finally, one night the Americans were taken with 100 French and 100 English prisoners to a prison train, the destination of which was unknown. They were asked politely enough by German officers to walk alongside the prisoners and act as guards. At the same time the officer said in an aside to the German guard:

"Keep your eyes open on those Americans. If they move or step from the ranks, shoot them."

The train carrying, besides the prisoners, several carts of wounded German soldiers, arrived at Aix La Chapelle after a two day's slow journey. All eight of the correspondents were packed into a single second class apartment, without food or drink, and at the mercy of Belgian soldiers, who frequently fired from bushes as the train passed. The party arrived at Aix La Chapelle carefully guarded, and was forbidden to leave the city.

The surveillance of the military guard and the police relaxed when the authorities discovered that the American correspondents had in their possession accounts favorable to the German army. The party finally crossed the Dutch border without permission of the authorities.

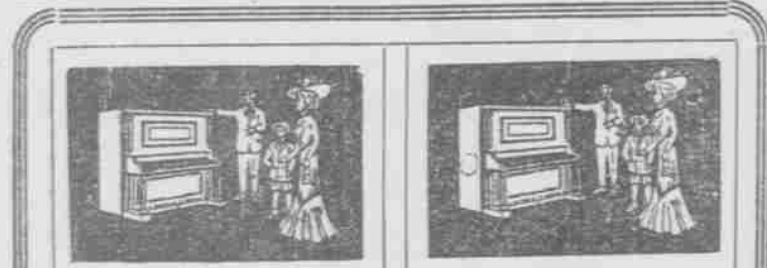
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